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The Department of Labor (DOL) invites interested parties to submit nominations for individuals **to serve on the Native American Employment and Training Council (NAETC)** and announces the procedures for those nominations at the following link: [FRN for the Council Nominations](#). When submitting nomination materials, please indicate the Region or Discipline for which the nominee would like consideration. Information regarding the NAETC can be found at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/dinap/council>. Nominations for individuals to serve on the NAETC must be submitted electronically by October 18, 2023.

For more information, contact Nathaniel Coley, Division Chief, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, (202) 693-4287 or email at Coley.Nathaniel.d@dol.gov.



The Rise of Indigenous Doulas

A team of birth keepers in Washington is drawing on Indigenous knowledge and culturally competent care to help Native women reclaim birthing practices, parenting practices, and community. They're also saving lives.

<https://www.elle.com/culture/a45191818/indigenous-douglas-native-women-childbirth-2023/>

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### **How I rewired my brain in six weeks**

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230912-how-i-hacked-my-brain>

[nature.com](https://www.nature.com)

[How to train your jellyfish: brainless box jellies learn from experience](#)

[Nature - Researchers have shown that the creatures can learn to avoid obstacles using visual and mechanical cues, despite not having a brain.](#)

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Which cities will still be livable in a world altered by climate change?

These northern U.S. communities may not be completely immune to a warming world, but they are well-placed to meet the needs of an influx of climate migrants.

Read in National Geographic: <https://apple.news/AemVPUF0xRhKxjHAAoLLufQ>

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[Everyone smile and say 'fiduciary responsibility'](#)

[by Hugh Jackson](#)

[Nevada's resort industry and Nevada's for-profit electric monopoly are not seeing eye to eye.](#)

Again.

<https://www.nevadacurrent.com/2023/09/21/everyone-smile-and-say-fiduciary-responsibility/?emci=f666d99f-5f59-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&emdi=62b8c08f-6159-ee11-9937-00224832eb73&ceid=88976>

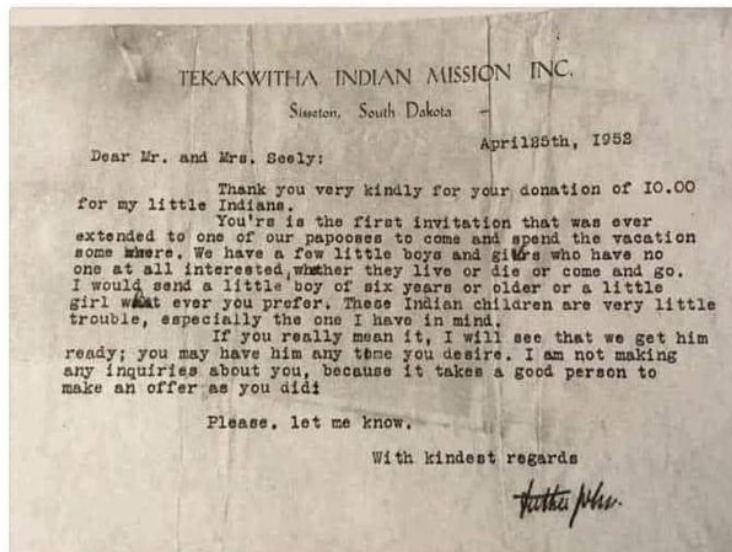
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*And also from Hugh:*

[IN THE NEVADA CURRENT](#)

**The caldera's gonna blow!** No, not in a Yellowstone caldera society-upending death and destruction and misery and despair sort of way. In a sleepy Nevada caldera nice and economic development-y way. Because lithium. Or so says some research funded by the Canadian mining corporation with Big Plans for Thacker Pass near the Nevada-Oregon border. There's more lithium there than anywhere on this planet, the company's research suggests.

Some people -- Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen (D-Mining); the Biden administration; all the Nevada politicians from both parties who would rather take credit for economic activity that falls out of the sky instead of strengthening opportunity and the purchasing power of the workforce we already have; the mining industry; mining industry investors; etc. - will view this scientific analysis as yet more proof that Nevada should and will rush rush rush to develop lithium anywhere feasible, and with a bare minimum of darned environmental regulations, and scant regard for those. To which a conservationist says, yeah, you're doing it wrong. Jeniffer Solis reports: [Report of giant lithium find underscores need for less 'sloppy' permitting, conservationist says](#)



**Daily reminder that in 1952 you could buy a Native Child for \$10.**

**In 1963, The Bronx Zoo unveiled their newest exhibit: 'The Most Dangerous Animal In The World'. It was a mirror 🤪**



[flashbak.com](http://flashbak.com)

Visitors no doubt flooded to New York City's 'The Bronx Zoo' in 1963 when a new exhibit was announced. Featuring 'The Most Dangerous Animal In The World', they found themselves confronted with a mirror and the following text:

**"You are looking at the most dangerous animal in the world. It alone of all the animals that ever lived can exterminate (and *has*) entire species of animals. Now it has achieved the power to wipe out all life on Earth."**

In June, 1963, the *Illustrated London News* ran the following [story](#) about the response to the exhibition:

In the Great Apes House at the New York Zoo is to be seen an exhibit of great interest and one which speaks for itself. The exhibit in question is that of "The Most Dangerous Animal in the World" and it is handled by the Zoo authorities with not unsubtle deftness.

Between the Orang-Utan and Mountain Gorilla cages is a compartment with bars and the legend which can be read in the photograph above: visitors, attracted by the proclamation at the top of the cage, stop and peer into the cage.

What they see is, without a doubt, the most dangerous animal in the world, and the frequent comment by visitors is "It's true!" for they are looking into a barred mirror. And there is considerable truth in this simple, but effective statement that is made.

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For a great read of another unique tribal history:

<https://modocnation.com/history/>

see also <https://www.warpaths2peacepipes.com/indian-tribes/modoc-tribe.htm>

GrantStation

National Opportunities

Support Promotes Education, Community Organizing, and Music

The Sparkplug Foundation provides grants to start-up nonprofit organizations and new projects of established nonprofits in the areas of education, community organizing, and music.

Grants Improve Bicycling Infrastructure in U.S. Communities

PeopleForBikes' Industry Community Grant Program provides funding for projects that make bicycling better in communities across the U.S.

Funds Available for Contemporary Visual Arts Production

Emphasizing direct engagement with contemporary visual art, VIA Art Fund supports projects that exemplify the core values of artistic production, thought leadership, and public engagement.

Solar Energy Projects Supported

The SunPower Foundation aims to increase environmental and economic equity for all, regardless of socioeconomic status.

Regional Opportunities

Grants Address Pollution in Port Communities

Through this grant opportunity, Pacific Environment, a nonprofit organization, aims to harness people power to regenerate ports and end ship pollution once and for all.

Efforts Increasing Access to Healthy Foods Funded in North Carolina

The Strengthening Community Capacity to Advocate for Healthy Food funding opportunity supports organizations in expanding their ability to advocate for policy and systems change aimed at increasing access to healthy food for those most impacted by food insecurity.

Support Provided for Alaska Programs Building a Skilled Workforce

The Alaska Community Foundation's Vocational Fund for Alaska's Future supports projects in Alaska that focus on building a highly qualified and highly skilled workforce in Alaska's natural resource development industries.

Funding Promotes Reading in Ohio

The Buckeye Book Fair Literacy Awards aim to promote Ohio's writers and illustrators and to encourage reading.

Federal Opportunities

Grants Available for Media Projects

The Media Projects program supports the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, documentary films, and documentary film series that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways.

Tenant Capacity Building Projects Supported

The Tenant Education and Outreach program supports tenant capacity building at eligible existing Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA) properties, with the goal of preserving decent, safe, and sanitary housing within the PBRA program.

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## Host Hotels Corporate Giving Program

The Host Hotels Corporate Giving Program is committed to having a positive impact in communities served by the company, including Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose, CA; Denver, CO; Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, and the Gulf Coast of FL; Atlanta, GA; Maui/Oahu, HI; Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; Bethesda, MD; Boston, MA; New York City; Philadelphia, PA; Houston and San Antonio, TX; northern VA; Seattle, WA; and Washington, DC. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

**A Little Better Company**, a strategic branding and storytelling collective, offers the Unless Project, a grant-meets-accelerator program designed to identify organizations with transformational solutions and limited resources. The program helps repackage, reposition, and amplify these organizations to be as successful as possible. Organizations throughout the U.S. are eligible.

The Project provides support in the following focus areas:

- environmental sustainability, including sustainable farming, shifting to renewable energy sources, and passive/net-zero building solutions, as well as the removal of harmful plastics and waste products from the environment;
- health and wellness, including improving personalized healthcare, proactive healthcare, and mental health destigmatization and support;
- social progress and advocacy, including building a less polarized, better educated, unconditionally equal, safer, and wholly empathetic society; and,
- artistic activism, including projects such as the explosive documentaries, guerilla installations, unforgettable performances, and stunning imagery that has defined generations.

Each grantee is guided through a six-month intensive process with six major stages worth up to \$150,000 in services and resources to refine their positioning, build their capacity, and better engage with their audiences. Grantees receive a small cash stipend of \$2,500 to minimize any unplanned out-of-pocket expenses.

Applicants must have an annual operating budget under \$3 million. Deadline: October 15. [hello@alittlebetter.com](mailto:hello@alittlebetter.com) 610-915-2522

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HUD Imminent Threat Grants – Set aside of the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) allocation for non-competitive, first come-first serve grants to eliminate or lessen problems which pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of Tribal residents.

Application Deadline: Ongoing and may be submitted at any time.

[Solar for All](#)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

This program has a total of \$7B available for the implementation and expansion of clean, affordable solar energy in low-income housing. The program is designed to combat environmental injustice by supporting equitable climate resilience efforts in residential properties. Eligible applicants include states, territories, Tribal governments, municipalities, and select nonprofits organizations. The application, along with optional supplemental materials to assist with planning, is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). NOFO # EOA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01. Please note there will be a Webinar on July 12 from 1-3 pm (EST).

Application Deadline: September 26, 2023.

[DOI announces \\$120M funding through Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program](#)

The Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program provides funding to build climate resilience capacity. In FY2023, TCR will make \$120 million (\$25M from BIL, \$72M from IRA, \$25M from FY 2023 annual appropriations) available for Tribes and tribal organizations to address the unique impacts of climate change affecting vulnerable tribal communities. This is by far the largest amount of annual funding made available in the history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program. Grants will be available for planning (max \$250,000) and implementation (max \$4,000,000).

Key Dates: Application deadline is 7:59 pm Alaska Daylight Time/ 11:59 pm Midnight Eastern Daylight Time, October 13th, 2023

[Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and CHIPS Act funding opportunities](#)

[National Indian Health Board Air Purifier Program](#)

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

NIHB sponsors Tribal Nations in need of air purifiers during wildfire season.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

[Water and Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development funds grants for water and waste disposal facilities and services on federally-recognized tribal lands, colonias and rural areas that face significant health risks due to a lack of access to adequate, affordable water or waste disposal.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

[Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides funding in the form of low-interest loans and grants to develop essential community facilities in eligible rural areas, including Federally Recognized Tribal Lands. [Guaranteed Loan Options](#) are also available.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

[Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development funds grants for eligible communities to prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.

Application Deadline: Ongoing

Did you know that Tribal housing residents may qualify for the [FCC Affordable Connectivity Program](#)?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and **up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.** The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#), or if a member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools.
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - **Federal Housing Assistance, including:**
 - Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program (Section 8 Vouchers)
 - Project-Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)/Section 202/ Section 811
 - Public Housing
 - **Affordable Housing Programs for American Indians, Alaska Natives or Native Hawaiians**
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - or [Lifeline](#);
- **Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on [Qualifying Tribal lands](#):**
 - **Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance**
 - **Tribal TANF**
 - **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations**
 - **Tribal Head Start (income based)**

Two Steps to Enroll Apply Now

1. Go to [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.**

[Justice Department Tribal Access Program Will Continue to Improve the Exchange of Critical Data](#)

The Justice Department has selected 14 federally recognized Tribes to participate in the continued expansion of the [Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information](#) (TAP), a program that provides Tribal governments with means to access, enter, and exchange data with national crime information systems, including those maintained by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division. This announcement follows Attorney General Merrick B. Garland's trip to Alaska last month, during which he visited Anchorage and the village of Galena. Attorney General Garland met with Tribal leaders and advocates to discuss the public safety challenges that Alaska Native individuals and communities face.

[Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](#)

The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program is a \$3 billion program directed to tribal governments to be used for broadband deployment on tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion. The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program is continuing to make the final awards from the first funding round and has opened an additional application period with approximately \$1 billion available for eligible Tribal applicants. For more information, [click here](#).

[Native American Disability Resource Hub](#)

A new webpage is now available to serve as a hub for grantees to access a wide range of resources to effectively support participants with disabilities. The webpage will be updated collaboratively by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP). The site aims to assist grantees leverage resources from other organizations or agencies that may be useful. This includes vocational rehabilitation, federal agencies and subagencies, or local community partners. Collaboration among systems is critical in building more equitable outcomes for Native Americans with disabilities. Improved collaboration can help leverage federal resources to better connect Native Americans with disabilities to a broad range of available resources and opportunities in the workforce system. You can view the [website here](#).



Calendar

Building Digital Resilience in the Social Sector

Are you a social sector leader interested in getting the most from data and technology? If so, you might want to attend Good Tech Fest's upcoming virtual event, Building Digital Resilience in the Social Sector. Taking place on **October 4, 2023**, this free conference is for social impact organizations, education institutions, or philanthropic institutions that are interested in how to best leverage data and technology to further their mission. It features a dozen workshops across three main tracks (cybersecurity, data science, and building data capacity) as well as a plenary session.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Tribal Consultation on the President's FY 2025 Budget

OMB is hosting a Tribal consultation virtually on **September 27, 2023**, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET to provide input to inform the formulation of the President's FY 2025 Budget. The purpose of this Tribal consultation is for you or your designees to share your views with OMB Leadership on the funding needs for services, programs and activities serving and benefitting Tribal governments, organizations and communities as part of the President's FY 2025 Budget process. Registration is available at https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DOALcoESQwa7Y6SEpKHZpA. If you are unable to participate in the virtual session and would like to submit written comments and recommendations, please submit comments via email by Friday, September 29, 2023, to tribalconsultation@omb.eop.gov.

National Tribal Housing Summit - October 31 - November 2, 2023 – St. Paul, MN

ONAP is pleased to announce that our National Tribal Housing Summit will take place October 31 - November 2, 2023 at the [Intercontinental Riverfront Hotel](#) in St. Paul, MN. This three-day learning and networking opportunity includes 60 breakout sessions, tradeshow, and community activities. Daily plenary sessions feature remarks from local and Tribal leaders and talks by partners in housing and community development. Final [registration](#), hotel info, and an are located on the event [website](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Scientists are exulting over the safe arrival of a canister containing about a cup's worth of asteroid rocks**, collected 200 million miles away, that landed in a Utah desert after a 7-year NASA mission sent to retrieve them.

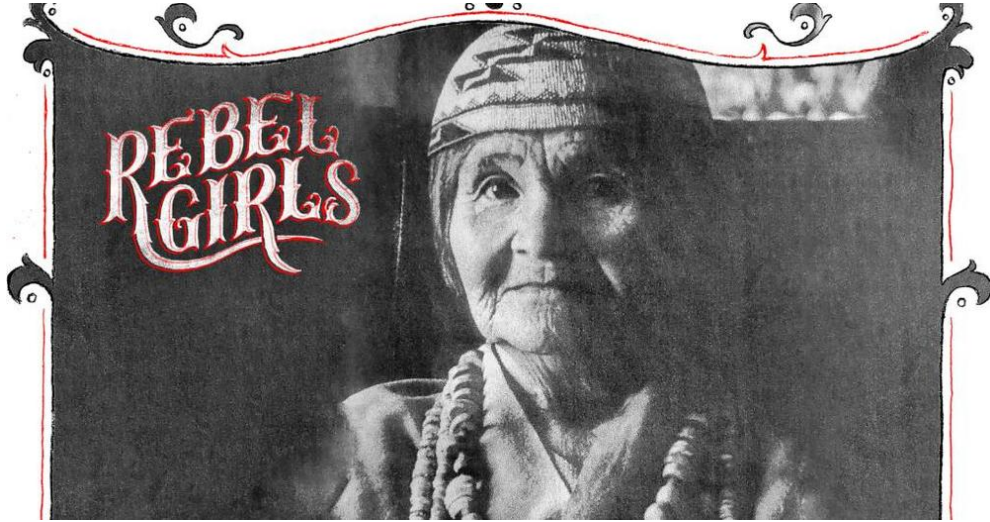


[npr.org](https://www.npr.org)

[NASA asteroid sample lands safely in Utah before being whisked away by helicopter](#)  
[NASA's Osiris-REx mission has successfully returned a pristine sample of asteroid back to Earth. This cupful-or-so of space rock could shed light on the solar system's origins.](#)

## [KQED](#)

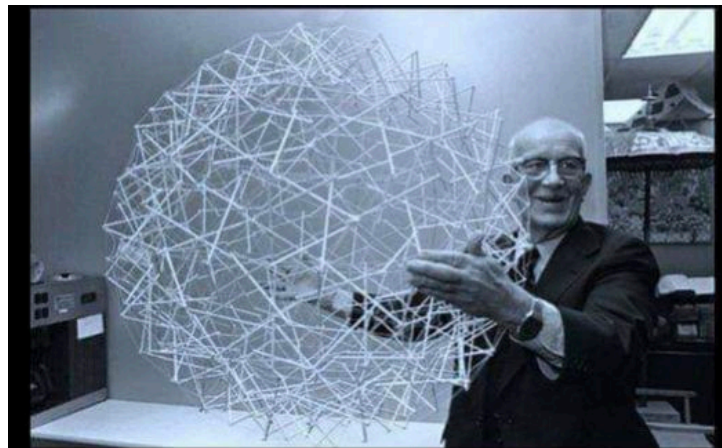
In 1949, Marie Mason Potts took on a role that would transform the latter half of her life. She became editor of Smoke Signal, the first newspaper in California to be written, edited and controlled exclusively by Indigenous Americans.



[kqed.org](#)

[The Indigenous Newspaper Editor Who Galvanized Native Americans | KQED](#)

[Marie Mason Potts blurred the lines between journalism and community organizing — but she knew the importance of humor too.](#)



"It is now highly feasible to take care of everybody on Earth at a higher standard of living than any have ever known. It no longer has to be you or me. Selfishness is unnecessary. War is obsolete. It is a matter of converting our high technology from WEAPONRY to LIVINGRY."

*- Buckminster Fuller*